

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

AUTHORS GUILD, DAVID BALDACCI,  
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DOUGLAS PRESTON, ROXANA ROBINSON,  
GEORGE SAUNDERS, SCOTT TUROW, and  
RACHEL VAIL, individually and on behalf of  
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

OPENAI INC., OPENAI LP, OPENAI LLC,  
OPENAI GP LLC, OPENAI OPCO LLC,  
OPENAI GLOBAL LLC, OAI CORPORATION  
LLC, OPENAI HOLDINGS LLC, OPENAI  
STARTUP FUND I LP, OPENAI STARTUP  
FUND GP I LLC, and OPENAI STARTUP  
FUND MANAGEMENT LLC,

Defendants.

JONATHAN ALTER, KAI BIRD, TAYLOR  
BRANCH, RICH COHEN, EUGENE LINDEN,  
DANIEL OKRENT, JULIAN SANCTON,  
HAMPTON SIDES, STACY SCHIFF, JAMES  
SHAPIRO, JIA TOLENTINO, and SIMON  
WINCHESTER, on behalf of themselves and all  
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

OPENAI INC., OPENAI GP, LLC, OPENAI,  
LLC, OPENAI OPCO LLC, OPENAI GLOBAL  
LLC, OAI CORPORATION, LLC, OPENAI  
HOLDINGS, LLC, and MICROSOFT  
CORPORATION,

Defendants.

Case No.: 1:23-cv-08292-SHS

Case No.: 1:23-cv-10211-SHS

Case No.: 1:24-cv-00084-SHS

Hon. Sidney H. Stein

**DECLARATION OF ROBERT A. VAN  
NEST JR IN SUPPORT OF NOTICE  
OF MOTION TO ADMIT COUNSEL  
*PRO HAC VICE***

NICHOLAS A. BASBANES and NICHOLAS  
NGAGOYEANES (professionally known as  
Nicholas Gage), individually and on behalf of all  
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION,  
OPENAI, INC., OPENAI GP, LLC,  
OPENAI HOLDINGS, LLC, OAI  
CORPORATION, LLC, OPENAI  
GLOBAL, LLC, OPENAI, LLC, and  
OPENAI OPCO LLC,

Defendants.

I, Robert A. Van Nest Jr, declare as follows:

I am an attorney at law licensed to practice in the state of California. I submit this declaration in support of the motion to admit my *pro hac vice* before the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York to represent Defendants OpenAI Inc., OpenAI LP, OpenAI LLC, OpenAI GP LLC, OpenAI OpCo LLC, OpenAI Global LLC, OAI Corporation LLC, OpenAI Holdings LLC, OpenAI Startup Fund I LP, OpenAI Startup Fund GP I LLC, and OpenAI Startup Fund Management LLC in the above-captioned action.

1. As shown in the Certificate of Good Standing attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of California.
2. I have never been convicted of a felony.
3. I have never been censured, suspended, disbarred or denied admission or readmission by any court.
4. There are no pending disciplinary proceedings presently against me in any State or Federal court.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: April 24, 2024

/s/ Robert A. Van Nest Jr  
ROBERT A. VAN NEST JR